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SUBJECT:EXCHANGES OF PERSONNEL ON SOVIET MERCHANT SHIPS
IN US PORTS

REF: MOSCOW 5548; LENINGRAD 465

1. APPRECIATE POSTS' COMMENTS REFTELS. BACKGROUND ON
PROBLEM OF PASSENGERS ON US CARGO SHIPS IN SOVIET PORTS
WILL BE SENT SEPTEL.

2. SINCE EMBASSY MOSCOW IS ALREADY ISSUING TRANSIT VISAS
FOR REPLACEMENT PERSONNEL FOR SOVIET MERCHANT SHIPS
APPARENTLY WITHOUT ANY PROBLEMS, IT SHOULD CONTINUE TO
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DO AS IT HAS IN THE PAST. LENINGRAD MAY ALSO BEGIN
ISSUING TRANSIT VISAS TO CREW REPLACEMENTS IN EVENT THAT
CONGEN RECEIVES VISA APPLICATIONS. IF SEAMEN JOINING
SHIP IN US PLAN TO TRAVEL TO THE US BY SHIP, POSTS
SHOULD REQUIRE SUBMISSION OF CREW LIST VISA FORM I-418
IN ADDITION TO APPLICATION FOR INDIVIDUAL TRANSIT VISA.
I-418 WOULD NOT BE REQUIRED FOR NEW CREW COMING TO US

BY AIR. SOVIET SEAMAN'S PASSPORT IS ACCEPTABLE TRAVEL DOCUMENT. PERSONAL APPEARANCE BY TRANSIT VISA APPLICANTS NOT REQUIRED IF THEIR DOCUMENTATION IS IN ORDER.

3. QUESTION OF DIRECT RECIPROCITY DOES NOT APPEAR APPLICABLE, SINCE EXCHANGES OF CREW MEMBERS ON US MERCHANT SHIPS DO NOT TAKE PLACE IN SOVIET PORTS. IT IS DEPARTMENT'S UNDERSTANDING THAT IN EMERGENCY CASES WHEN REPATRIATION OF US MERCHANT SEAMEN IS REQUIRED, SOVIET AUTHORITIES GRANT VISA FOR TRANSIT FROM PORT AREAS TO NEAREST AIR CONNECTION (USUALLY MOSCOW), ALBEIT OFTEN ONLY AFTER SOME DELAY AND INTERVENTION BY AMEMBASSY.

4. DEPARTMENT PLANS TO CALL ON ZHUK AND INFORM HIM OF TRANSIT VISA PROCEDURES.

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